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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
(OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 1, 2002)

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Vladislav Vashchenko et al.

Appln. No.: 09/660,386

Filed: September 12, 2000

For: ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE (ESD)  
PROTECTION STRUCTURE

Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: O. Nadav

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-6.

The claims have been amended to read as follows:

8. (Amended) A device formed in a semiconductor material of a first conductivity type, the device comprising:  
a first well of a second conductivity type formed in the semiconductor material, the first well having a dopant concentration;  
a first contact region of the first conductivity type formed in the first well;  
a second contact region of the second conductivity type formed in the first well;  
a first trigger region of the second conductivity type formed in the first well, the first trigger region being spaced apart from the first and second contact regions;  
a first conductive structure formed over and contacting the first and second contact regions;

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August 28, 2002

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

Reply to any outstanding action and Rule 17(e) filing fee must be enclosed

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed \_\_\_\_\_
2. ☒ The enclosed Amendment.
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_\_\_ and reply brief filed \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement.
6. ☒ The Enclosed Non-Publish Request.
7. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which the required \$130 fee is enclosed
8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$740 is enclosed which is the required RCE filing fee a (postcard, fee transmittal (with copy) are also attached.)

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		Title	Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Protection Structure
		Atty Docket Number	100-13201 (P04776-C1)

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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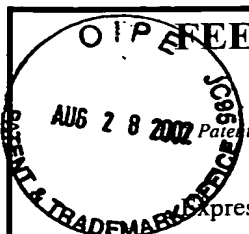
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Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

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